

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/199,803, filed July 19, 2002, now U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0012006, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

[0005] The above-referenced ~~1803~~ application U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0012006 discloses a protective guard securable atop a fence to protect individuals from contacting the sharp edges of the fence. The protective guard has a rounded tubular member that defines an interior space that is designed to surround and capture the upper ends of vertical posts, the top support bars extending between the vertical posts and the upper edge of the wire mesh or chain link secured to the top support bars and the vertical posts.